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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT

FOR MONTH OF
January 1952

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1. CRYPTONYM BGCONVOY	2. DIVISION OR BRANCH SE/PC/2	3. COUNTRY(S) Bulgaria	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT DATE
5. PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT			
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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

A. Mission

See Sections II and III, Part II of the "Bulgarian Country Plan" for a discussion of the cold war mission and tasks.

B. Accomplishments

(1) Paramilitary

a. Bulgarian Guard Company - The Bulgarian Guard Company is a strength of 170 men. Preparations are under way for an increase to the authorized strength of 200 men by further recruiting in Greece. A thorough reorganization of the company was undertaken during January in order to facilitate the readying of the Guard Company for its hot war mission. This reorganization was possible because of the arrival on duty of a Bulgarian-speaking Army officer selected by the Agency who assumed charge of the Guard Company on 7 January 1952. During January, approval was granted by HICOG for the removal of small groups from the Guard Company for covert para-military training at Grafenwohr and for their return to the Guard Company.

b. Covert Agent Training - Ten agents remain in covert training in Germany and six in Greece.

c. Preparation for Dimitrov test operation - Arrangements were made with Dr. George M. Dimitrov (prior to his departure on 12 January for Europe) to work out plans for a test operation to prove or disprove his claimed resistance assets within Bulgaria. These arrangements call for a meeting between Dimitrov, and an OPC representative in Germany early in February. This representative returned to Washington from Athens on 28 January, for thorough briefings for the meeting.

(2) Political

a. Emigre Politics - Pressure has been consistently exerted:

1. To coordinate NCFE, State and OPC suggestions for broadening the

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Bulgarian National Committee.

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2. To bring about a less dictatorial attitude on the part of Dimitrov in connection with Bulgarian emigre political affairs.

3. To force Dimitrov to subordinate his party and his own political ambitions to the establishment of a representative Bulgarian National Committee.

b. Psychological Warfare - Daily broadcasts of the black radio station Gorianin continued. An assistant and possible replacement for the present supervisor has arrived in Athens for six months temporary duty. Negotiations are also under way for a consultant, with excellent knowledge of Balkan affairs and of the Bulgarian language, to go to Athens to assume charge of Radio Gorianin. This consultant is now advising on Radio Gorianin program content improvement.

c. International Meetings - Three Bulgarian lawyers now in exile have been nominated to attend the Congress of Freedom-Loving Lawyers in West Berlin in April 1952.

(3) Economic

a. No activity

(4) Support

a. An officer has been appointed as BGCONVOY Assistant Project Chief in in Athens.

C. Reaction

Suspension of infiltration missions during the winter months has resulted in no first hand reports on the effects of BGCONVOY operations.

D. Conclusions

(1) Paramilitary Program

It now appears that the ten agents in covert training in Germany will be more suitable for harassment or coup-de-main than for penetration assignments. Plans are therefore underway to revise the method of training for new recruits limiting training to smaller groups of higher-level personnel and conducting it within Greece. The Assistant Project Chief was sent to Germany to review this situation. The disposition of the ten men, possibly to the Guard Company as NCOs, or as members of coup-de-main teams, is under consideration.

(2) Psychological Warfare

The Radio Gorianin staff has been handicapped by a dearth of information on recent local events within Bulgaria, other than that which can be obtained by monitoring the Bulgarian radio and reading the Bulgarian press. However, information has been obtained through refugee debriefings, which has enabled Radio Gorianin to publicize many of those policies and actions of the Bulgarian regime, which the

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Communist rulers have sought to conceal. A fairly rapid turnover of Gorianin's indigenous staff members is encouraged with replacements from among the refugees recently arrived from Bulgaria, to give the programs a local flavor which is desirable in such a clandestine radio station.

The difficulties encountered in maintaining the radio voice of a resistance movement are considerable, when that voice is unable to carry on frequent contact with resistance nets inside the country. But Radio Gorianin has at least partly succeeded in achieving the objectives of its first phase of operation - to give hope and courage to the Bulgarian people, to keep them constantly angry and resentful at the injustices of the Communist regime, to inject some suspicion and fear into the minds of the opportunists and even to some real Communists, and to prepare the whole country psychologically for cooperation with resistance forces in the event of either war or revolution.

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